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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER
HATOYAMA RE POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNOR GILLIGAN VISIT

1. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CABLE TRANSMITTING A LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA NOTIFYING THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OF THE NECESSITY TO POSTPONE GOVERNOR GILLIGAN'S VISIT. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THIS WAS THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL DECISION, BASED ON THE NEED FOR GOVERNOR GILLIGAN TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON DURING THIS VITAL PERIOD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AID BUDGET.

2. THIS BUREAU STRUGGLED HARD IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISIT AS SCHEDULED. I HAVE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN THE CURRENT LACK OF CLARITY IN OUR OVERALL AID POLICY A VISIT AT THIS TIME WOULD HAVE BEEN A NEGATIVE FACTOR IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE CLOSING PARAGRAPHS OF THE LETTER GO INTO SUBSTANCE, SUPPORTING THE JAPANESE GOAL OF RAISING LEVELS OF ODA AS A PERCENTAGE OF GNP. WE FELT THAT THIS PITCH WOULD SUPPORT GOJ EFFORTS TO DEVELOP

A FORTHCOMING AID POSITION AT THE UPCOMING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING WITHOUT PREJUDICING OUR OWN POSITION. US AID POLICY ASIDE, IT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF JAPAN'S CURRENT ACCOUNT

SURPLUS.

3. I REALIZE HOW MUCH THE JAPANESE WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS VISIT AND HOW SENSITIVE THEY WILL BE TO ITS ABRUPT POSTPONEMENT. WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DELIVER THE SECRETARY'S LETTER PERSONALLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA. A DIRECT ROLE ON YOUR PART WILL UNDERLINE OUR SENSE OF REGRET AT THE NEED TO POSTPONE THE VISIT AND HELP SOOTHE JAPANESE FEELINGS. VANCE

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